

# CITY OF CLEVELAND

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF FIRE

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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Battalion Chief

car 711..... Meyer & Oblak..... day shift

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Campbell Road Bridge (#059)

Box 4218 @ 11:56am - 6-22-69

Investigated fire at above location. Objects of burning were two (2) bridges which are across the Cuyahoga River which are the property of Newburg & South Shore RR. and the Norfolk & Western RR. respectively. Met with Lt. Karp, Chief Johnson and investigator, Mr. Belch of Norfolk & Western. According to witnesses which includes a Robert McLaughlin, a diesel locomotive passed over the bridge about 5 minutes before fire was discovered. Fire was on the river, an area about 5 feet in diameter. Employees tried to extinguish fire, however it flared up and mushroomed instantaneously and involved both bridges. Heat was very intense, buckling the tracks and burning the timbers and other wooden components. The river at this point is covered with oil and other wooden debris. It is our opinion th at this fire was caused by Sparks from Diesel Locomotive.

Loss: \$5000 - Newburgh & South Shore bridge

\$45,000 - Norfolk & Western bridge

Inspector: .....